

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Merseburg Airfield

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DATE OF CONTENT 18 June to 7 July 1951

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SOURCE

1. Between 18 and 25 June 1951, grading was being completed at Merseburg airfield. Work on the runway was continued. Soviet soldiers loaded a road scraper on a train. It was learned at the labor office that 1,800 German laborers were employed at the field.
 2. According to the labor office, about 1,500 workers were employed at the field between 26 June and 7 July. Half of the runway was concreted. Excavation and grading work was being done on the western half. Most of the air force soldiers who were previously quartered in tents had left the field with their equipment. *
 3. A high ranking VP officer stated that the airfield was to be constructed for the Soviet Air Force and it was to be completed by August 1951. The construction costs were allegedly paid by the East German Government. For the time being, the field was not planned to be occupied. During a stage I alert a special detail of Soviet pilots who were stationed in Halle/Saale allegedly had to go to Frankfurt/Oder and from there to Poland where they were to take over some jet fighters and fly them to Merseburg. **
 4. It was learned from a Soviet office that Major Vinograd, (fnu), allegedly intended to buy the area of the field. ***
- 25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. It appears that most of the grading is completed at the field. A concrete runway of 2,200 meters is allegedly being built.
- 25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. According to other reports, August 1951 is also the target date of completion for other airfields, such as Wernauchen, Briesen, etc. The information that a Soviet detail stationed in Halle was to take over jet fighters in Poland is received for the first time.
- 25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. The same source previously reported that the area of the airfield was to be sold. 25X1A

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